No. E.1074—Edn. 98-47-7, dated Bangalore, the 3rd August 1948.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 42 of the Mysore Elementary Education Act VI and in supersession of the Mysore Compulsory Education Rules, 1947, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to make the following rules to carry out the purposes of Chapter VI of the said Act.

1. These rules may be called the Mysore Compulsory Education Rules, 1948.

2. The following schools are recognised for the purposes of Chapter VI of the Mysore Elementary Education Act, 1941 :—

I. All Government and Aided Institutions giving instruction upto and including the IV Year Primary Class as defined in the Mysore Education Rules; and

II. Other institutions specially recognised by the Director of Public Instruction and notified in the *Mysore Gazette.*

3. The period of attendance at school required under the Act shall be not less than 60 per cent of the working days in the year beginning with the 1st of June each year, and not less than 3 hours on each day of attendance: provided that the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore may fix other periods of attendance in special cases.

4. The Attendance Officer of the Compulsory Education area is authorised to grant certificates of exemption from attendance to children already attending elementary schools on requisition from their parents or guardians after properly satisfying himself of the existence of a reasonable excuse for non-attendance. Exemption certificates shall be in the form appended to these rules and printed copies of the form can be had in duplicate free of cost from the Attendance Officer of the area concerned. Any person wishing to obtain a certificate will get the form in duplicate and produce it to the authority empowered to grant such certificates. The latter will hand over one copy to the applicant and retain the other.

5. No certificates shall hold good for a period exceeding one year.

6. The Compulsory Education Committee in a village will be the Village Panchayet, the Chairman of the Committee being the Chairman of the Village

Panchayet. In Municipal areas it shall be competent for the President of the Municipality concerned to empanel a Committee with the concurrence of the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore.

7. The names of the members of the Compulsory Education Committee in Municipalities shall be notified in the official Gazette by the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore.

8. The term of the Compulsory Education Committee shall expire with that of the Village Panchayet or the Municipal Council concerned, provided that the Committee shall be deemed to continue until a new Village Panchayet or Municipal Council is constituted for the area.

9. For each area in which Chapter VI of the Mysore Elementary Education Act, 1941, is brought into operation, there shall be one or more Attendance Officers attached to the Office of the Inspector of Schools in charge of the area.

10. (1) The duties of an Attendance Officer shall include the checking of attendance reports, scrutiny and issue of exemption certificates, issue of warning notices, institution of prosecutions and such other duties as the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore may from time to time assign to the Attendance Officer.

(2) Whenever the Attendance Officer is satisfied that a pupil who ought to attend school does not do so without lawful exemption, he shall, after due warning in writing, served on the parent or guardian under his signature make a complaint against the parent or guardian of the child before a Magistrate having jurisdiction under Section 29 of the said Act.

(3) It shall also be within the competence of the Attendance Officer to institute a prosecution under Section 30 of the Act.

(4) The Attendance Officer shall act as Secretary to the Compulsory Education Committee.

11. The powers and duties of the Compulsory Education Committee are as follows :—

(i) They shall consider the educational needs of the area for purpose of implementing the provisions of the Act and make their recommendation to the Inspector concerned.

(ii) They shall maintain an up-to date list of all children of the age of 6 and of those who have joined and

have to join the school and shall secure their admission at school by all persuasive means.

(iii) They shall send to the Inspector of Schools concerned a half-yearly return of the list of such children.

(iv) The Compulsory Education Committee shall meet once at least every month A member of the Compulsory Education Committee in a Municipal area who fails to attend three meetings consecutively shall be considered to have vacated his seat unless the absence is condoned by the President of the Municipality concerned. Any casual vacancy occurring in a Municipal Compulsory Education Committee will be filled up by the President of the Municipality for the remaining period of the term of any member whose seat has become vacant. The absence of any member at the meeting of the Village Panchayet Attendance Committee will be governed by the Rules under the Village Panchayet Act.

(v) An extraordinary meeting shall be held at any time on the written requisition of three members of the Committee addressed to the Attendance Officer.

(vi) The quorum to be fixed by the Committee shall consist of not less than three members.

(vii) Every question shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present and voting on the question.

(viii) The names of the members present and in the case of a division, the names of those voting upon each question shall be recorded in the Minute Book.

(ix) If, at any meeting, the Chairman is not present at the time appointed to hold the same, the members present shall choose one of the members present to be the Chairman of such meeting.

(x) In case of an equality of votes at any meeting, the Chairman of such meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

(xi) A copy of the proceedings of every meeting shall be sent to the Inspector concerned.

(xii) The Heads of all recognised schools shall be bound to furnish all information which the Attendance Officer or the Compulsory Education Committee may reasonably require in the discharge of his or its duties.

12. Should a child already enrolled in an Elementary School be absent without proper reasons for seven days continuously the Head of the school concerned will

notify the fact to the Attendance Officer and the Chairman of the Village Compulsory Education Committee.

13. The Director of Public Instruction in Mysore may issue from time to time such subsidiary instructions as may be needed for the effective carrying out of the provisions of this Act and all communications regarding matters requiring orders of Government shall be made through him.

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Exemption Certificate.

.....District.....Taluk
.....Village.

Name of parent and address	Name of child	Age of child	Reason for exemption	Period of exemption.

Station.....

Dated.....

Attendance Officer.

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